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1. INSTEAD OF JOINT THIRD WORLD INITIATIVE ANTICIPATED BY REFTELS, STATEMENT WAS CIRCULATED NOV 17 IN NAME OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION ALONE CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF ALL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION ACTIVITIES WITH PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE IOC MEETINGS. STATEMENT ENTERED IN RECORD WITH NO RPT NO VOTE OR RESOLUTION PROPOSED.

2. ALGERIAN STATEMENT MADE BY PERMREP AHMED DERRADJI, WHO ALSO PRESIDENT OF THIRD WORLD "GROUP OF 77," PROMISED
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"NECESSARY DEMARCHES WILL BE MADE WITH A VIEW TO BEGINNING

THE PROCESS" LEADING TO SANCTIONS CITED IN PARA. 1.

3. TEXTS OF ALGERIAN STATEMENT AND BRIEF FORMAL
OBJECTIONS IN REPLY BY SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL BEING
POUCHED UDER SEPARATE AIRGRAM. ESSENCE OF LENGTHY FRENCH
LANGUAGE ALGERIAN TEXT IS CITATION OF PAST UNESCO GENERAL
CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, NOTABLY 17TH GC RESOLUTION 11,
WHICH EXCLUDED THESE NATIONS FROM PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO
ACTIVITIES. THESE PRECEDENTS GIVEN AS BASIS FOR
CONFORMING IOC ACTION.

4. ALGERIAN INITIATIVE HAD MARKEDLY LITTLE IMPACT BY
VIRTUE ABSENCE "GROUP OF 771 IMPRIMATUR. MOREOVER,
DERRADJI HAD TIME ONLY TO PARAPHRASE STATEMENT OF TEXT
IN REMARKS MADE AT VERY END OF IOC'S LAST MEETING.

5. WHOLE AFFAIR MADE FOR POOR SHOWING BY DERRADJI WHO
ELECTED ONLY IN SEPTEMBER AS "77" PRESIDENT. MEASURES
CALLED FOR BY TEXT IGNORED FACT THAT IOC RULES DO NOT
PROVIDE FOR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS. THEREFORE, SIMPLE
DENUNCIATION BASED ON UNESCO PRINCIPLES, WAS ONLY RE-
COURSE AND THIS POORLY HANDLED. LACK OF COHESIVE "77"
SUPPORT INDICATES ABSENCE OF CADRE OF STRONG REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF LDC'S IN THIS HIGHLY TECHNICAL FIELD.
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